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IND-SPEAK

India has promised to cut its emissions to net zero by 2070 at COP26. Achieving net-zero emissions is a significant commitment that involves balancing the amount of Greenhouse gases (GHGs) emitted into the atmosphere with an equivalent amount removed or offset. GHGs are gases in the Earth's atmosphere that can trap heat which results in the warming of the planet. These gases play a crucial role in regulating Earth's temperature. There are seven GHG with Carbon Dioxide playing a key role in the emissions.

In recent years, many Indian SMEs have set their sights on global expansion, aiming to tap into international markets and scale their businesses. However, in this era of heightened environmental consciousness and sustainability, it is increasingly essential for these enterprises to adhere to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles and carbon emission goals.

Many global investors and institutions have integrated ESG criteria into their investment decisions. Adhering to ESG standards can enhance an SME's access to international capital markets and attract investments that support their expansion plans. Adhering to ESG principles and carbon emission standards not only helps SMEs access global markets and capital but also positions them as responsible corporate citizens in a world increasingly focused on sustainability. By

prioritizing ESG and sustainability, Indian SMEs can ensure their success in the global marketplace while contributing to a more environmentally and socially responsible global business ecosystem.

Alongside ESG considerations, many companies are increasingly prioritizing efforts to reduce their carbon footprint as part of their broader sustainability initiatives. Reducing carbon emissions aligns with the "E" (Environmental) aspect of ESG. Many companies are insisting on their supply chain to reduce carbon emission. When checking carbon emissions, there are three main types of emissions. Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions, Scope 2 and Scope 3 are indirect emissions.

Companies can take various steps to reduce their carbon footprint and contribute to environmental sustainability. Some of the steps like using energy efficient devices and appliance will go a long way in reducing carbon foot prints and contribute to a more sustainable future while potentially benefiting from cost savings and access to environmentally conscious markets.



Regards,
Ganesh Koran
Council Member & Chairman of the Editorial Cell

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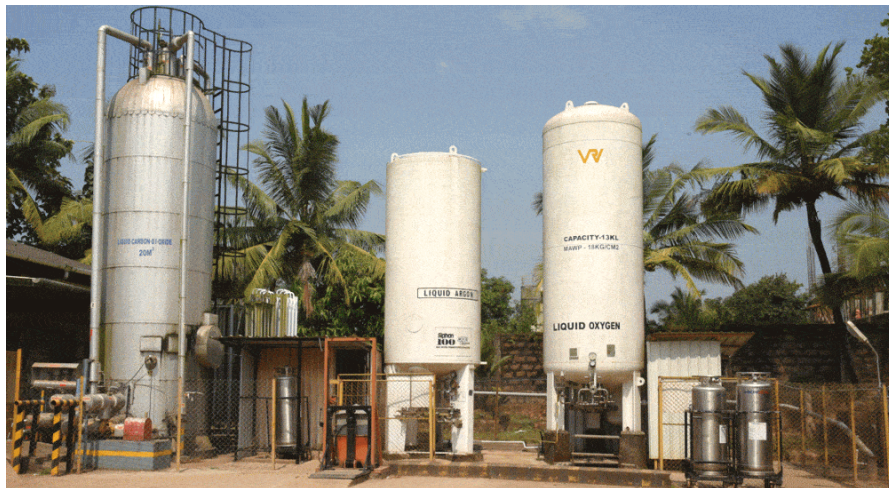
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Lakshmi Cryogenics: Pioneering industrial gases

Lakshmi Cryogenics Pvt Ltd a filling plant for Industrial & Medical Oxygen, Argon and Carbon Dioxide, was registered as Private Limited Company in the year 1995 with 2 Directors.

One of the Directors, Mr. M J Shetty an Engineering Graduate in Electronics and Telecommunications from Manipal Institute of Technology passed out in the year 1972. On completion of degree, he moved to Bombay and started a company called Bombay Test House for carrying out Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) and chemical analysis of metals. Having acquired vast experience in the field of NDT and having seen the requirements of Industrial Gases & welding consumables of Fabrication shops, Refineries, Petrochemicals, Fertilizers, Cement Plants etc, he shifted to Mangalore in the year 1984. After coming back, he started Industrial Inspection Services for NDT and Lakshmi Sales Corporation & Suvan Sales for the industrial requirements. During those days, M/s MCF Ltd, M/s KIOCL Ltd, M/s Mangalore Yard of Mazagaon Dock Ltd and few industries within Baikampady Industrial Area were active. Lakshmi Sales Corporation and Suvan Sales have various dealerships viz: Industrial Gases, Welding Electrodes, Grinding Wheels, Welding Equipment's & accessories, Safety Equipment's, Lifting & Shifting Equipment's etc and servicing of the equipment's supplied by them. In 1987, he took possession of Half acre of land in Baikampady for Industrial Inspection



Services to set up the laboratory for NDT & testing of materials.

Till 1995, Oxygen gas was produced by Air Separation Units which had huge requirement for power. At this point of time, few Industries who were in the line of producing oxygen had gone for huge Liquid plants. Through one of these plants, they were encouraged to put up a filling plant at Baikampady with the motto of giving prompt and quality service to the customers making sure of the quantity delivered. They store Liquid in storage Tanks and fill the cylinders as and when required by using pumps through evaporator. The main advantage of the plant is that the requirement of power is minimum.

The filling plant was commissioned in August 1996 with funding from KSFC. Like most of the MSME's, they also had financial crunch and had to seek the shelter of Multi National Company M/s BOC India Ltd with the thinking that the association with a big brother like BOC would help in developing the market in

Mangalore and to develop themselves technically. Unfortunately, it did not happen and they had to come out of the association with BOC in the year 2006. Since then, they are on their own and have been able to develop themselves technically with the help of local institutions and to educate their customers regarding the quality and quantity of gas they are consuming. They also deal in various gas mixtures, calibration gases and specialty gases. They have a PESO approved cylinder Testing facility for non-flammable gases. They have a great satisfaction of having served customers fairly and sincerely.

Mr. M J Shetty is a former President of KIA and has actively taken part in the activities of the association. With a strong belief of giving back to the nature, he has set-up a fully functional water harvesting system in his premises. He is always eager to share his vast experience and knowledge with the new generation entrepreneurs.


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Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: Breaking Barriers, Seizing Opportunities

Women today are breaking barriers, challenging stereotypes, and making significant strides across diverse industries. The evolution of women in the workforce, the challenges they've overcome has put a positive impact on the society and the society is equally accepting the change.

Historically, most women were confined to household and constrained from business activity. Even with confinement she was given the responsibility of home finances.

After the 20th century the women liberation moment advocated for equal rights and entered the professional fields. Women bring unique perspectives, problem-solving approaches, and collaborative skills to the table. As business leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs, women contribute to shaping more sustainable practices.

There are about 15.7 million women-owned enterprises. It is anticipated that

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

How to Build an Ecosystem to Support Women Entrepreneurs?



in the next 5 years the number will grow by 90%. Despite this, women still faces many challenges.

- Limited finances
- Access to business network
- Family duties
- Lack of training

To overcome such challenges the government provides various schemes, counseling and financial support to the budding and existing women entrepreneur. Some of the many schemes are provided as below.

1) Niti Aayog: Through Women Entrepreneur Platform (WEP) provides communication & networking, Funding and financial assistance, compliance and tax assistance, marketing assistance

(<https://wep.gov.in/about>)

2) Trade related Entrepreneurship assistance

and development (TREAD): A scheme by the Ministry of micro, small & medium enterprises where up to 30 percent of the total project cost, as appraised by the lending agency is provided to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for promoting entrepreneurship among target groups of women. The remaining 70 percent of the project cost is financed by the

lending agency as a loan for undertaking activities as envisaged in the project. The NGOs can utilize the grant for training, counseling, tie-ups for marketing on behalf of the beneficiaries, etc. besides their capacity building for assisting women.

(<https://msme.gov.in/know-about-scheme>)



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3) Women scientist scheme: Ministry of science and technology provides opportunities to women scientists and technologists between the age group of 27-57 years who had a break in their career but desired to return to mainstream. Under this scheme, women scientists are being encouraged to pursue research in frontier areas of science and engineering, on problems of societal relevance and to take up S&T-based internship followed by self-employment. ([https://dst.gov.in/scientific-](https://dst.gov.in/scientific-programmes/scientific-engineering-research/women-scientists-programs)

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4) Cent Kalyani scheme : Central bank of India, targets new as well as Existing Women entrepreneurs for her Micro/Small enterprise to meet capital expenditure (Plant & Machinery /Equipments) & to meet her day to day expenditure.

(https://www.centralbankofindia.co.in/en/Cent_Kalyani)

The evolution of women in the entrepreneurial landscape marks a transformative shift in societal norms, challenging historical constraints and

stereotypes, especially in India. Despite the remarkable progress, challenges persist, ranging from limited finances and access to business networks to the juggling of family duties and a lack of training. Hopefully, access to these schemes will help overcome some of the hurdles. Owing to this, Kanara Industries Association welcomes women entrepreneurs to become members, be a part of the council and gain the advantage of access to networking. The journey is ongoing, but the strides made thus far indicate a promising future where women continue to lead, innovate, and inspire.



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